such a piece of gross carelessness that ifc deserves to be exposed. It shows the haste in which the statement was prepared.

It is too plain for argument that General McClellan did not give to the subject of the defence of Washington that strict and conscientious attention which its importance demanded, and which a man of the highest character would have given to it,—all the more because the matter was one which did not directly affect his own contemplated operations in the field. Moreover the whole story shows how whort-sighted was McClelland course. It is more than likely that if he had attended to this part of his duty as carefully and thoroughly as he should have* done, he never would have had occasion to complain of the interference of the Administration with his plans.

5. The question of the wisdom of removing the army from the neighborhood of Washington to the neighborhood of Richmond may well demand our consideration.

A. McOlellan's original scheme, it will be remembered, was to inarch his army from Washington and ite vicinity to Annapolis in Maryland, where it WEB to embark for Urbana, This he proposed to do, although Johnston, with an army which Me-

Clellan himself estimated at over a hundred thou-
sand men, was encamped at Centreville and Manas-
Baa, only thirty miles from Washington. It was
certain to take two or three weeks, and not unlikely
to take four or five, to transport the 140,000 men
who composed McClellan's army to their destination